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TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HILLESTAD

Los Altos Hills is a community of homes and the majority of residents work in other cities, using the auto as their principal means of transportation. You've undoubtedly noticed that your travel time has increased as congestion on freeways and roadways has increased.

I'm sure you have also noticed that our air quality is not as good as it should be. The automobile is a major contributor to pollution. This is in direct conflict with our aiming for a cleaner and healthier environment.

By driving your car 1/2 or 1/3 of the time, it will last longer. Conservation of fuel must be considered and this is a simple way to achieve it. The solution—carpooling. If you share a ride with your neighbor going to work or going to Southern Pacific, you will decrease congestion, pollution and help with energy conservation. Carpooling is a very important part of our local transportation system. I urge all of you to think about how you might use it to benefit us all.

I hope that you share my enthusiasm for this program and that you call 287-4210 to have the operator fill out an application for you. The application does not connect you to carpooling; however, it does make a list of names available to you of possible matches.

FALL CLEAN-UP PROGRAM — SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1978

Just in time to get your house and yard in shape for the Holidays! Once again, as per our new garbage collection agreement with the Los Altos Garbage Company, a weekend has been set aside and large containers will be placed at five locations throughout the Town. All Residents may bring any accumulated debris, old furniture, etc., and dump these materials free of charge in the containers, which will be replaced as needed by the Garbage Company.

This second pick-up of the year is scheduled for October 21, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 3 P.M. at the following locations:

1. Town Hall Parking Lot
2. Magdalena at IS-280
3. Moody Road at Altamont
4. Altamont Road at Black Mountain
5. Page Mill Road at Arastradero (West)

For further information, call the Los Altos Garbage Company — 961-8040.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Los Altos Hills Historical Society has had a very busy season with interesting meetings held in the Council Chamber at Town Hall and planned tours, including the Ford Country Day School on April 23rd and the Filoli Estate on May 26th.

Small group tour reservations have been confirmed by the De Young Museum for the Society to visit the King Tutankhamun TreasuresExhibition, scheduled in San Francisco from June through September, 1979. The Museum has set a reservations deadline of November 1, 1978; therefore, it is urgent that all interested members contact Mrs. Irma Goldsmith at 948-2487 as soon as possible and send their checks to her at 27330 Elena Road, Los Altos Hills. Date and time for the Society's tour will be announced when the Museum releases the schedules.

An invitation is most cordially extended to all interested persons to visit the History Room at Town Hall every Tuesday afternoon to enjoy the displays of artifacts and pictures there and also in the Council Chamber. Recently donated Indian artifacts, the De Anza costume worn on the Trek by Cmdr. Joseph Dochnahl, scenic historical pictures and other records, books of tours taken by the Society and a circulating library are all on display for your pleasure.

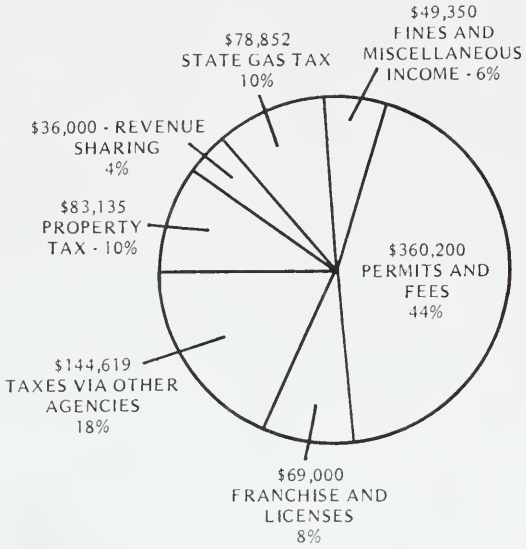
Membership is open to families and individuals for $5 a year. The Society also needs volunteers to participate in this exciting adventure of preserving the past and the present.

1978-79 BUDGET

The City Council adopted the 1978-79 Budget on October 4, 1978, allocating $624,589 for all operating expenses and $320,940 for capital improvements.

The pie charts illustrate the source of revenues for the Town and major areas of expenditures.

REVENUE



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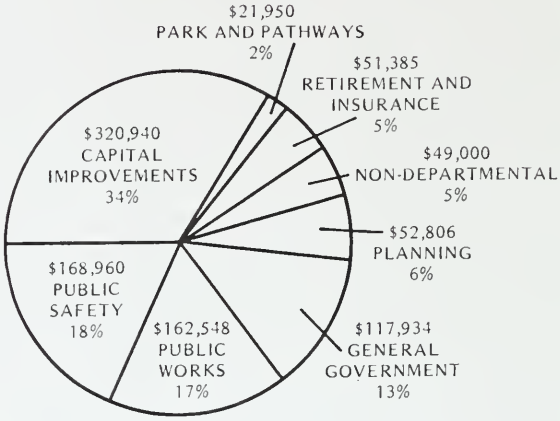

The Capital Improvement section of the Budget is intended to continue the public works improvement program that has been emphasized for the past four years. The Town has about 55 miles of streets to maintain, most of which were not originally built to acceptable standards nor were proper drainage structures built to protect the roads. However, when the Town incorporated, it accepted the streets and drainage as it was at the time. Over the years, these streets deteriorated substantially and, as a result, a major effort is being made to upgrade the drainage and streets within the Town.

The Capital Improvement program for this year includes the replacement and widening of two bridges on Page Mill Road, an asphalt resurfacing of all or portions of Anacapa, La Cresta, Natoma, Elena, La Loma, Christopher's Lane, Hillview, Hilltop, Priscilla and Camino Hermoso.

In addition, it is planned to improve the Youth Facility playing fields, add a new field and develop a soccer field.

MOTORCYCLE BARRICADES

The use of pedestrian and equestrian pathways by motorcyclists has become a dangerous as well as annoying problem throughout the Town.

As a result, the Town has developed a motorcycle barrier, as depicted in the picture, which has been installed in two different locations. If there are other locations that seem to warrant these barriers and are suitable for the installation of this type of barrier, the Town will give serious consideration to their installation.

These problem areas should be brought to the immediate attention of the City Manager.

WILLIAM PERKINS APPOINTED TO VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT

William 'Bill' Perkins, who has served on the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission for the last ten years, was appointed August 2, 1978 to the City Council seat vacated by Keith Brown. Mr. Brown moved with his family to Sonora at the end of July.

Councilmembers appointed Bill Perkins, following the interviewing of five applicants, to a term expiring in March, 1980. His outstanding service to the Town is well documented.

A resident for twelve years, Bill is the retired President of Metronics Associates in Santa Clara, a company which he founded. He is still associated with the company.

Bill's philosophy encompasses a great respect for the principles of the Town's Founding Fathers intent to maintain a rural atmosphere and respect for the environment. He also has a strong commitment to City Council support of the Planning Commission and all Town Committees.

NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Following City Council appointment, new Planning Commissioner Maria Reeves was sworn in on July 26, 1978. Maria, a resident for eight years, is a self-employed Forensic Illustrator, specializing in trial exhibits. She notes, with humor, her diverse degrees in both Art and Political Science from Stanford.

Maria has a strong interest in preserving Open Space and thinks that the time has come for more concern to be shown on the part of Los Altos Hills planners and residents for limiting the Town's growth and, especially, subdivisions. She believes in architectural review and stresses the limiting of housing volume per acre.

TOWN COMMITTEES

The importance of volunteer effort in accomplishing the goals of Los Altos Hills is too often overlooked. Listed below is a brief summary of each Committee's function and the members to whom you, as a resident, owe a special thanks.

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN COMMITTEE– Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month to compile advice on landscaping and all aesthetic improvements of the Town in order to enhance the rural nature.
Chairman: Mrs. Artemas Ginzton
Members: Mr. James Geddes, Mrs. Gertrude Sherlock and Mrs. Julie Stearns

NOISE ABATEMENT COMMITTEE– Meets the 2nd Thursday quarterly to study and make recommendations relating to the identification, measurement and control of noise within the Town.
Chairman: Mr. Walter Gregorwich
Members: Mr. B.L. Pfefer, Dr. Melvin Russi and Mr. Alexander Traficanti

PATHWAY COMMITTEE–Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to review all locations and types of pathways and work on the development of a Master Pathway Plan.
Chairman: Mrs. Carol Gottlieb
Members: Mrs. Joanne O'Such, Mrs. Fran Stevenson, Mrs. Jean Struthers and Mrs. Mary Stutz

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE–Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month to formulate recommendations relative to street, maintenance and public works improvements.
Chairman: Mr. J. Dannenberg
Members: Mr. Matthew Boissevain, Mr. William Downey, Mr. William Pierce and Mr. James Piper

TRAFFIC & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE–Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month to find ways and means of improving traffic flow and safety as well as public welfare within the Town.
Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Yeend
Members: Mr. Michael Elliott, Mrs. Barbara Gordon, Mr. Richard Rydell and Mrs. Carolyn Wood

These meetings are all held at the Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, and interested residents are urged to attend.

RECYCLING CENTER

During the course of its existence, the People Who Care Recycling Center at the corner of San Antonio and Edith in Los Altos has gone through many changes and has grown to be a viable center for recycling many materials. The Center started as a small-scale project for a group of high school students at Awalt and has now mushroomed into an extensive recycling program operating every day of the week.

The Center is a non profit organization and uses the proceeds from the materials to offset the purchase of more equipment and to expand the program. They are now planning a consolidation with the Palo Alto recycling program so they can cooperate and share trucks and equipment. Also, a new weekend mini center, or "depot", on the parking lot at Ralph's Supermarket in South Los Altos has been opened.

FIRST AID COURSE

The Traffic and Public Safety Committee is sponsoring a First Aid Course to be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road. This one day, eight hour multi-media course will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11th.

The cost for the First Aid Course is $7.00. Chairman of the Traffic and Public Safety Committee, Nancy Yeend, will be teaching. Registration may be made by calling Susan Buttler at the Town Hall, 941-7222, or Nancy Yeend at her office, 329-0707, or her home, 948-4968. All interested residents are urged to participate.

WOULD YOU LIKE A "DISASTER KEY?"

The VISTA 4-H Club, whose membership includes several Los Altos Hills youths, is involved in a Community Resource Development (CRD) project to increase member awareness in methods of identifying community needs and working with appropriate agencies in solving those needs.

The VISTA CRD project is interested in your opinion on desirability of developing a "Disaster Key" that could be readily available in each home to shut off the water and gas lines at the meter in order to reduce damage in case of a line break. The objective is to determine community interest and then determine how such a device could be made available at nominal cost to each interested homeowner in the town.

They would appreciate your opinion. Please drop a note or postcard to:

VISTA CRD Project
CE Office
215 N. 1st Street
San Jose, CA 95113

HORSE CARE

The Los Altos Hills Horsemen's Association is scheduling three seminars on horse care in the upcoming months.

On October 17, 1978 the first seminar will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and features Dr. Russell Peterson, DVM, who will advise on giving medication and shots that are often left by the veterinarian.

Mr. Jim Forderer will speak at the November 13, 1978 meeting on grooming and clipping both Western and English horses. This will be held at Westwind Barn at 7:30 p.m.

After the Holidays, a seminar will be held on January 15, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. John Christianson providing information on Western and English saddles, bits and tack. This meeting will also be held at the Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road.

Members of the Horsemen's Association urge all interested residents to attend these worthwhile horse care seminars.

WESTWIND—RIDING FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Westwind Barn, 27210 Altamont Road, will be the home base of the Riding for the Handicapped Program. There are many proven benefits in programs of this type. In addition to the sheer pleasure of utilizing "four-legged transportation," most participants are able to practice certain of the aspects of their on-going therapy programs while on horseback.

The necessity to develop balance—a vivid reality on the back of a horse—is a problem common to many types of disabilities and it is stressed at all times while working with the riders. Additionally, the enthusiasm—and just plain fun—generated by this type of program often results in an improved self-image both off the horse and on for the handicapped person.

The program at Westwind is under the direction of Jim Forderer who has many years experience in programs of this type and is himself the father of two handicapped children. Initially, classes will be held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. with plans to expand to the weekend as the number of participants, suitable horses, volunteers and appropriate tack can be obtained. The Westwind Program is a member of both 4-H and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

There are many ways that members of the community can help. Volunteers are needed at every session. Monetary contributions and/or assistance with fund raising is also urgently needed. The "Friends of Westwind", the co-op organized for use of the Barn, has offered to donate $1.00 for every $1.00 contributed up to a maximum of $300.00 that is given to the Handicapped Riding Program prior to December 15, 1978. Please contact Nancy Couperus, the co-ordinator of the program, at 941-4808 with any contribution of time, money, equipment, etc. Because of the 4-H affiliation, all contributions are tax deductible.

FREE COUNTY TRAPPING SERVICE

Anyone having problems with skunks, raccoons, foxes or other types of animals wishing to have these animals trapped should call 279-6100. The trapper will bring out appropriate and humane traps. Skunks are the only animals destroyed as they are rabies carriers.